*[English]*

**Value Added Tax**

2840. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to replace the sales tax by a value added tax or levy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) As sales tax is a state subject, it is for the States to take a decision in this regard.

**Amount of Loan Credited as Bad Debt**

2841. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA:

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount out of total loan sanctioned by nationalised banks during the last year which has been credited as bad debt;

(b) whether the Government have constituted a Debt Recovery Tribunal and Banking Supervisory Board to manitor the irregularities in banks and repayment of loan;

(c) if so, the date of constitution of these bodies;

(d) whether these bodies have started functioning; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the latest figures of NPAs for the year 1995-96 of nationalised banks amounted to Rs.28366.04 crores which worked out to 19.52% of total advances of nationalised banks.

(b) to (e) In terms of the provisions of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, 8 Debt Recovery Tribunals have been established as per the details given in the attached statement.

No Banking Supervisory Board for monitoring the irregularities in the banks and repayment of loans has been set up, as such. However, a Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) was constituted on November 16, 1994 by the Central Board of Directors of RBI under RBI (BFS) regulations, 1994. The primary function of the BFS is to undertake the supervision of the financial sector comprising commercial banks, financial institutions, non-banking finance companies and para-banking organisations such as subsidiaries of banks.

**Statement**

*Details of Debt Recovery Tribunals*

| | Place | Dt. of Estab. | Jurisdiction |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ahmedabad | 21.12.1994 | Gujarat & Union Territories of Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu |
| 2. | Bangalore | 30.11.1994 | Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh. |
| 3. | Calcutta | 27.04.1994 | West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. |
| 4. | Delhi | 05.07.1994 | National Capital Territory of Delhi. |
| 5. | Jaipur | 22.08.1994 | Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Rajasthan. |
| 6. | Chennai | 01.11.1996 | Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Union Territory of Pondicherry |
| 7. | Guwahati | 07.01.1997 | States of Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. |
| 8. | Patna | 24.01.1997 | States of Bihar and Orissa. |

An Appellate Tribunal has been established in Mumbai.